

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**AND RESEARCH NOTES**

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The 22nd Annual Division of Fish and Wildlife Pheasant "Special Hunts" were held in the fall of 2007. Huntable land included leased acreage (Project # 300FW1A22D41527) and DNR owned Gamebird Habitat Areas (Project # 300FW1A22D41501). Properties are located primarily in Benton County, along with limited areas in Newton and White Counties. Hunts were conducted on ten dates scattered throughout the pheasant season. For the 14th year, a one-day hunt, November 23rd, was reserved for youth hunters under the age of eighteen.

Application forms were available on-line or could be mailed in. Mail-in application forms were available in the 2007-2008 Hunting and Trapping Guide or could be downloaded from the DNR web page. Each potential hunter was allowed to submit only one application. A total of 5,208 applications were in the draw vying for the 267 spots available. The lottery type drawing was held on October 15th, and successful applicants were randomly assigned hunt area(s), and mailed appropriate information including: regulations, questionnaire cards, maps, etc. Successful applicants were allowed to bring up to two additional hunting companions. Unsuccessful applicants were mailed a postcard stating their misfortune.

Of the 267 hunts available, there were 33 "no-shows" and 16 questionnaire cards not returned representing an 82% show-up rate. Successful applicants were asked to rate their experience from 1 to 10 (1 poor/10-great). Overall the ranking was 7.4.

COMPARISON OF PREVIOUS YEARS

| Year | <u>Total # Applications Received</u> | <u>Disqualified</u> | <u>Total Applications In Drawing</u> |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| 1986 | 863 | 65 | 798 |
| 1987 | 1061 | 123 | 938 |
| 1988 | 1469 | 69 | 1400 |
| 1989 | 1196 | 102 | 1094 |
| 1990 | 2010 | 149 | 1861 |
| 1991 | 2458 | 258 | 2200 |
| 1992 | 2778 | 236 | 2542 |
| 1993 | 2870 | 273 | 2597 |
| 1994 | 2816 | 264 | 2552 |
| 1995 | 2920 | 248 | 2672 |
| 1996 | 2948 | 277 | 2671 |
| 1997 | 4671 | 596 | 4075 |
| 1998 | 4357 | 503 | 3854 |
| 1999 | 4450 | 560 | 3890 |
| 2000 | 4521 | 561 | 3960 |
| 2001 | 5277 | 752 | 4525 |
| 2002 | 5512 | 789 | 4723 |
| 2003 | 5223 | 745 | 4478 |
| 2004 | 5016 | 714 | 4302 |
| 2005 | 4735 | 639 | 4096 |
| 2006 | | | 4888 |
| 2007 | 5396 | 188 | 5208 |

2007 PHEASANT HUNT RESULTS

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Number of Reports ----- | 251 |
| Number of Parties ----- | 218 |
| Number of Hunters ----- | 627 |
| Hunters/Party ----- | 2.88 |
| Pheasants Harvested ----- | 515 |
| Pheasants Harvested/Hunter ----- | .82 |
| Other Game Harvested ----- | 30 Quail |
| | 19 Rabbits |
| | 2 Coyotes |
| | 1 Woodcock |
| | 2 Dove |

1986-2007

| <u>Year</u> | <u>No. Of Hunters</u> | <u>No. Of Hunt Dates</u> | <u>Total Acres</u> | <u>No. Of Areas</u> | <u>Birds Harvested</u> |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1986 | 105 | 4 | 472 | 11 | 82 |
| 1987 | 192 | 7 | 616 | 14 | 214 |
| 1988 | 375 | 11 | 790 | 17 | 248 |
| 1989 | 392 | 10 | 1008 | 21 | 398 |
| 1990 | 477 | 10 | 1317 | 25 | 471 |
| 1991 | 540 | 11 | 1503 | 28 | 594 |
| 1992 | 574 | 11 | 1606 | 29 | 406 |
| 1993 | 601 | 10 | 2411 | 36 | 605 |
| 1994 | 614 | 10 | 2411 | 36 | 685 |
| 1995 | 646 | 10 | 2850 | 41 | 827 |
| 1996 | 672 | 10 | 2850 | 41 | 721 |
| 1997 | 606 | 10 | 2976 | 44 | 677 |
| 1998 | 737 | 10 | 2996 | 45 | 755 |
| 1999 | 706 | 10 | 3149 | 50 | 681 |
| 2000 | 725 | 10 | 3247 | 50 | 828 |
| 2001 | 723 | 10 | 3395 | 50 | 580 |
| 2002 | 687 | 10 | 3310 | 48 | 727 |
| 2003 | 737 | 10 | 3144 | 47 | 684 |
| 2004 | 715 | 10 | 3171 | 47 | 670 |
| 2005 | 694 | 10 | 3198 | 48 | 575 |
| 2006 | 674 | 10 | 3174 | 48 | 594 |
| 2007 | 627 | 10 | 3119 | 46 | 515 |
| Total Number of Hunters ----- 12,819 | | | | | |
| Total Number of Birds Harvested ----- 12,537 | | | | | |
| Pheasants Harvested by Hunter ----- .98 | | | | | |

NR - No Questionnaire Card Returned (16)
 NH - Area Not Hunted (33)

2007 SPECIAL HUNTS PHEASANT HARVEST RESULTS

| | FRI NOV 9 | SAT NOV 10 | WED NOV 14 | SAT NOV 17 | WED NOV 21 | FRI NOV 23 | SAT DEC 1 | SAT DEC 8 | SAT DEC 15 | SAT DEC 22 | TOTALS |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| # OF HUNTS AVAILABLE | 37 | 33 | 29 | 26 | 24 | 25 | 24 | 22 | 21 | 26 | 267 |
| # OF APPLICATIONS | 1104 | 932 | 724 | 385 | 312 | 203 | 433 | 397 | 324 | 394 | 5208 |
| % CHANCE | 3% | 4% | 4% | 7% | 8% | 12% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 7% | 5% |
| DENO | 5 | NH | 4 | NR | 6 | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| NICKEL PLATE | 6 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | |
| DONAHUE | 6 | 4 | NR | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | |
| PINE CREEK #1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| PINE CREEK #2 | 1 | NH | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | NR | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| PINE CREEK #3 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | NR | 1 | 1 | NR | |
| PINE CREEK #4 | 2 | NR | NH | 4 | 1 | NR | 0 | 1 | | | |
| PINE CREEK #5 | NH | NR | 3 | NH | 1 | NH | 1 | 2 | NH | NH | |
| HAWKINS | NR | NH | 2 | 6 | 2 | 6 | NH | NR | | 1 | |
| WHITE CO. ONE | 1 | 6 | NH | 6 | 0 | NH | 6 | 0 | 1 | NH | |
| WATLAND | 6 | 3 | 0 | NH | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| KIRSCH | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 5 | NH | 4 | NH | |
| WOODLOCK | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| BENNER | 6 | 6 | 6 | NR | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 0 | |
| JEFVERT | 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| RAUB | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | 4 | 0 | | 5 | 0 | |
| SORENSEN | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| PAYNE | | 2 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| FALWELL | 4 | 2 | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | 4 | | 0 | |
| WALLPE | NH | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| MARKO | | | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| KNOBVIEW | 6 | 2 | | NH | | 2 | 2 | | NH | NH | |
| BROUILLETTE | 6 | 6 | 3 | | 5 | | | | | | |
| GESWEIN | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | NH | |
| HARDEBECK | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WALLPE HEIRS | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| NOVA | 3 | 3 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | NH | |
| BUDREAU | NH | | | | | | | | | | |
| MCGINNIS-LEASE | 5 | 5 | 1 | | 2 | NH | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | |
| CARTMELL | NR | 1 | 3 | | 0 | 5 | 3 | | NH | NH | |
| MCGINNIS/LAUERMAN | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| STEINER | 5 | 6 | 0 | NH | 3 | | 1 | | 2 | 2 | |
| METRO SIXTY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GREENWOOD DITCH | 5 | 0 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| NELSON | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ADE MUCK | 0 | 2 | NH | | 0 | 0 | NH | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| PRUDENTIAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CARLSON | 6 | NR | 2 | 5 | 2 | | 1 | | 0 | 1 | |
| C. TRIPLETT | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | |
| FLORA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VINYARD | NH | 0 | | 6 | 0 | 0 | | 5 | | NH | |

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| VINEGAR HILL | 3 | NH | 6 | 6 | | 5 | 0 | 4 | NR | 0 | |
| FUNCHEON | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GLOTZBACH | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| HAGEN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BURTON | NR | NH | 0 | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | | NR | |
| TOTALS | 120 | 81 | 57 | 67 | 37 | 49 | 25 | 41 | 30 | 8 | 515 |